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Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on March 11, 2004 (paper no. 28) canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are patentably distinct as demonstrated below.

The invention as originally prosecuted in the cancelled claims was directed to a client/server system in which a client application invokes methods of a server application using dynamically linked, object-independent client and server libraries (Invention I). Pending claims 99-142 of this application are directed to a system in which a client invokes a particular method of a server using data format information previously stored in a persistent registry *by the server* (Invention II). Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such because it can be used in a system in which a user *manually* updates a registry with server information. Invention II also has separate utility because it can be used in a system that does not include the object independent client and server libraries. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

The search for Invention would require consideration of class 707, subclass 104.1 – application of database or data structure, while the search for the Invention I would not.

1 Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the
2 search required for Invention II is not required for Invention I, restriction for examination
3 purposes as indicated is proper.

4 Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to
5 reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS,
6 whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the
7 omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME
8 PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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10 **Conclusion**

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12 examiner should be directed to Andrew Caldwell, whose telephone number is (703)
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17 Glenton Burgess, can be reached at (703) 305-4792. Additionally, the fax numbers for
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